

NEWSLETTER

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COUNT DOWN

TO 2024 WINTER
CHAMPIONSHIPS



FEB.
22-24

PNE
FORUM



FEB.
26-28

SUN
PEAKS



FEB. 28
- MAR. 2

KELOWNA

1-4A GIRLS
BASKETBALL
CHAMPION-
SHIPS

FEB. 28
- MAR. 2

LANGLEY

1-4A BOYS
BASKETBALL
CHAMPION-
SHIPS

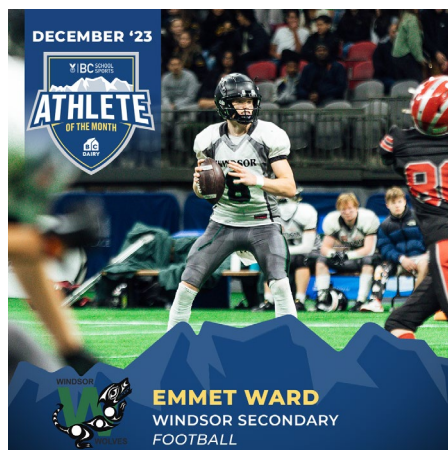
MAR.
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LANGLEY

DECEMBER ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



FEATURED ON
[@BCSCHOOLSPORTS](https://twitter.com/BCSCHOOLSPORTS)



MALE



FEMALE

Congratulations to our December Male and Female Athlete of the Month! **We are now accepting nominations for the January Athlete of the Month.** Please fill out the form on our website, which can be found [here](https://www.bcschoolsports.ca/nominations). We will be accepting nominations until **Jan. 31st!**

2024 BCSS AWARDS

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2023-24 BC School Sports Awards. Each year BCSS recognizes individuals across our five categories that contribute to improve the quality and delivery of school sport in the province. **The submission deadline for all nominations is Friday March 4 at 4pm.** Click [here](#) to view the application form and view more information about the individual criterias and awards.

HONOUR AWARD

The highest form of distinction BCSS can bestow upon an individual. This award is presented to an individual for a lifetime of service to school sports. The recipient is an individual who has demonstrated prolonged and distinguished service to their school, association, zone and BCSS.

MEDIA PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Recognizing an individual in the media who has highlighted and celebrated school sport in their reporting. The nominee has continued to draw attention to school sport and showcase the best of BC high school athletics. The recipient may be employed by traditional media outlets, but those who use blogs, social media, and other platforms to consistently promote school sports may be considered.

WOMEN IN SPORTS & LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is to recognize the leadership and service of women in sports. The recipient is a role model to student-athletes, has made an impact, and demonstrated commitment to their student-athletes and sport.

INSPIRATIONAL SCHOOL

Recognizing a school whose special commitment to improving the lives of student-athletes and staff through leadership and public service. This school has contributed significantly to the welfare of school athletics and the local community.

CITATION OF EXCELLENCE

COACH - Recognizing an outstanding coach and their distinguished contributions to their sport and athletes. The recipient of this award guides student-athletes to success through the philosophy of fair play and sportsmanship for a sustained period, while displaying values consistent with BCSS and school sport.

OFFICIALS - Recognizing an outstanding individual and their distinguished contributions to the officiating of school sport. The recipient of this award has demonstrated outstanding commitment to school sport, being recognized as a quality official, while displaying the values of BCSS and fair play.

ADMINISTRATOR - Recognizing the invaluable contributions from an administrator to school sport. The recipient has shown demonstrable leadership and sustainable support to athletic programs, athletic directors and coaches while contributing to the promotion and enhancement of athletic programs and the student-athlete experience at the school and/or district level.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR - Recognizing an outstanding individual for excellence as an athletic director and the hard work and dedication shown to improve the student-athlete experience, enhance the school's athletic program, and build the school community at large. The Athletic Director leads by example and consistently demonstrates the values of their school and BC School Sports while finding new creative ways to support their coaches and student-athletes.



UPCOMING DEADLINES

ADDING COACHES TO ROSTERS

Coaches can only be added to STARS roster until the **January 31, 2024** roster registration deadline for the applicable season of play. Schools wanting to add coaches after the deadline will need to request that BCSS staff make the addition for them. BCSS will only add coaches with confirmed CATT certification.

Winter Roster Registration Deadline	January 31, 2024
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2023-2024 ELIGIBILITY APPEALS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

SUBMISSION DEADLINE (2PM)	MEETING DATES
FEBRUARY 13, 2024	FEBRUARY 17, 2024
APRIL 9, 2024	APRIL 13, 2024
APRIL 30, 2024	MAY 4, 2024

MANDATORY COACHES CONCUSSION TRAINING (CATT)



A friendly reminder that all coaches, managers, and assistants must complete the Concussion Awareness Training Tool (CATT). BCSS has mandated this free training for all staff who work in youth sport. Access the course at cattonline.com. BCSS staff have conducted an audit of coaches that have completed the CATT training relative to coaches that have been added to rosters in STARS and noted that several coaches don't have the required CATT certification. BCSS will be monitoring this throughout the school year and coaches that don't have the required CATT will be deemed ineligible to coach until the training has been completed and verification sent to BCSS.



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SPRING 2024 CHAMPIONSHIPS HOST VACANCIES

Sport	Tier	Date
Mountain Biking	N/A	May 25
Badminton	N/A	May 30 - June 1
Tennis	AA	May 23-25
	AAA	May 23-25
Golf	AA	June 3-5

If a host is not in place by February 26th , 2024 (first day of spring season of play), the provincial championship will be cancelled as stated in policy 734.4. If you are interested in hosting please reach out to Harp Sohi by email hsahi@bcschoolsports.ca

TIERING

The 2024-25 school year tiering numbers have been published on the BCSS website and can be viewed [here](#).

Tiering numbers are determined using the September 30th, 2023 1701 numbers as submitted to the Ministry of Education. In the fall, should a school see a material change in their enrolment from 2023-2024 numbers in the report, the school can file an appeal to have their numbers re-evaluated.

A school can submit this anytime between September 20th, 2024, and October 1st, 2024. This is generally done when there is a significant population reduction (greater than 5%), or because of a change of school configuration (addition or removal of a grade) or new school boundaries due to a school opening or closure in the district. Tiering appeal forms can be requested by contacting the BCSS office staff.



AD TRAINING & RESOURCE VIDEOS ►►

BCSS has created a series of pre-recorded AD videos this year to support you in your role. These videos cover a variety of topics. Both new and returning Athletic Directors are encouraged to watch all the videos. The videos are uploaded to our [YouTube](#) and can serve as a resource throughout the school year.



2024 VIRTUAL DUNK CHALLENGE



BC School Sports is thrilled to bring back the Virtual Dunk Challenge for another year!

HOW IT WORKS

The BCSS Virtual Dunk Challenge is an online contest where student-athletes in grades 11 and 12 (registered on a senior basketball team in STARS) can submit a dunk video through our online submission form.

The first 16 videos submitted and approved (after meeting all criteria) will move on to the voting bracket.

BCSS will run the contest on our Instagram page ([@bcschoolsports](https://www.instagram.com/bcschoolsports)) over the next few weeks through head-to-head matchups in a bracket format. Student-athletes are encouraged to vote for their favourite dunk videos!

PRIZES

- The dunker who wins the contest will win **\$250** for themselves and **\$250** for the school's athletic program.
- The runner-up will win **\$100** for themselves and **\$100** for the school's athletic program.
- All participants will receive a commemorative BCSS Dunk Challenge t-shirt, upon their approval into the contest.

THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THIS CONTEST IS FEBRUARY 5, 2024, AT 4 PM. VIDEOS SUBMITTED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Know a student-athlete who should participate? Read and review all submission criteria [HERE](#).



SANCTIONING

HOSTING OR TRAVELLING TO AN EVENT

Competition between two or more BCSS member schools is automatically sanctioned. When you are travelling to or hosting an event with an out-of-province team sanctioning is required.

Complete the [Hosting](#) and/or [Travelling](#) sanctioning forms on the website at least 30 days in advance of the event or fines will apply.

THIRD-PARTY EVENT SANCTIONING

If your school wishes to attend an event that is not hosted by a member school (e.g. university, club, community, etc.) please ensure the event has been sanctioned by BCSS before attending.

An approved list of BCSS third party sanctioned events can be found on the BCSS website [here](#). Participation in a non-sanctioned event may lead to disqualification for post-season play.



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